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### **City of Fairfield's afterschool programs hold on to State funding**

**Fairfield, California (Tuesday, July 31, 2012)**—The City operates six Kids Corner and The Place 2 Be (TP2B) after school enrichment programs with granted State funding through the After School Education and Safety program.

The City had been able to secure an additional \$81,000 per year to fund the TP2B after school program at Sullivan Middle School through 2014. With the closure of Sullivan Middle School, it appeared that the City would have to forgo the additional funds awarded for Sullivan. The City was concerned that even though Sullivan was being closed, the children were still going to need after school programming at their new locations.

The City filed for a school site substitution asking the State to allow the program to retain the funds and use them for the schools receiving the Sullivan Middle School students this coming school year.

“Our primary concern is to ensure that children’s educational and social needs continue to be met for the next school year. I credit my very concerned and astute staff for understanding the City’s financial condition, appealing our situation to the State and prevailing,” said Erin Beavers, Community Resources Department director.

The school site substitution allows TP2B program at Grange Middle School to accept 65% more students in the coming school year, and for 20 more students to attend the Kids Corner programs at David Weir and Tolenas elementary schools, without the City using any additional General Fund monies.

Kids Corner and The Place 2 Be offer students a safe, fun environment to participate in after school enrichment activities. Both programs provide a homework club, academic activities, physical play, sports, arts and crafts, special events, and plenty of fun and

games to encourage good character, self-esteem, and motivation to excel. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from the end of the school day to 6 p.m.

For more information on either of these programs, visit [www.fairfield.ca.gov](http://www.fairfield.ca.gov) or contact Lorraine Kennedy at 707-428-7574 or [lkennedy@fairfield.ca.gov](mailto:lkennedy@fairfield.ca.gov) for Kids Corner, or Todd Grames at 707-428-7660 or [tgrames@fairfield.ca.gov](mailto:tgrames@fairfield.ca.gov) for TP2B.

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**About the City of Fairfield Community Resources Department**

The Community Resources Department's mission is to shape our community's future by offering an array of programs and services that meet the needs of Fairfield residents. The department strives to provide resources for all aspects of daily life. Community Resources operates affordable housing programs, recreational classes, neighborhood improvement programs, senior services, sports and aquatics programs, and youth activities. The department manages the Aquatics Complex at Allan Witt Park, Sports Center, Fairfield Community Center, Fairfield Senior Center, neighborhood centers, and sports fields.